



University of Alberta Students' Union
POLICY COMMITTEE

November 30th, 2022
1:00 P.M.
[Zoom](#)/SUB 6-06

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dênesųłíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Christian Fotang, Chair		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
Ibukun Ojo		N
Milan Regmi		Y
Vedant Vyas		N
Courtney Graham		N/A
Sun Dano		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2022-13)

2022-13/1	<u>INTRODUCTION (5 minutes)</u>
2022-13/1a	Call to Order
2022-13/1b	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p><i>The committee considers the approval of the draft agenda prepared by the committee's chairperson; at this stage, committee members can propose that agenda items be added or removed, or that one or more items on the agenda be reordered.</i></p> <p>KAUR/REGMI MOVE TO approve the agenda. CARRIED</p>
2022-13/1c	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>REGMI/KAUR MOVE TO approve the minutes from the last meeting. CARRIED</p>
2022-13/1d	<p>Chair's Business</p> <p><i>Updates from the Chair relating to progress updates, announcements or other relevant or important information that pertain to the committee or that committee members should be aware of.</i></p> <p>DHILLON is interim chair for this meeting.</p>
2022-13/2	<p><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></p> <p><i>An Opportunity for Discussion or Questions in regards to activities of the Committee</i></p> <p>REGMI: Raises concern about the Alberta Sovereignty Act that is being raised in the provincial legislature. Wanted to raise concern about this as it could affect the bylaws, policies and outside standing of the SU. Questions if the Policy Committee will be doing any particular work towards this.</p> <p>DHILLON: States that it is best to discuss this when FOTANG, the chair, returns to the committee.</p>

2022-13/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Items for the committee to consider, including items requiring the committee's approval, will be listed here for consideration. Items may be submitted by committee members of the policy committee but should be submitted to the Chair or staff member in advance so committee members have time to consider them ahead of the meeting.

2022-13/3a

Presentation by Cheryl Whiskeyjack

TABLED

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-13/5

Next Meeting: December 1st, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

Outstanding Action Items:

Date	Topic	Action	Completed (yes or no)